



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

August 7, 2017

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

- a. Time: 7:00 PM

2. Roll Call

- a. CP Glenn
- b. CM Gamatoria
- c. CM Hitchings
- d. CM Robertson
- e. CM Martin
- f. CW Worrell

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Opening Prayer: Pastor Rick Haynes; Lighthouse Mission Church

5. Approval of the Minutes:

- a. CW Worrell: - Motion to Approve; Council Meeting Minutes- July 17, 2017
 - i. 2nd: CM Martin
 - ii. Question/Discussion:
 - 1. Hitchings - Abstain due to absence on 17 July 2017.
 - iii. Vote:
 - 1. 5-0-1, Approved, Hitchings abstain.

6. Recognitions: None

7. Proclamations: None

8. Presentations:

- a. Mrs. Cindy Height: HDG Art Show Poster (Ms. Julia Downer & Ms. Pat Keene presenting)
 - i. Overview of Soroptimists International, and role in HdG.
 - ii. 54th Annual Havre de Grace Art Show 19 Aug 2017, 10-8 / 20 Aug 2017, 10-5
 - 1. 110 exhibitors in this year's show.
 - 2. Musical Entertainment
 - 3. Children's Entertainment
 - 4. Raffle - Cash & Prizes
 - 5. Wine tasting Saturday, 3-5P, Mt. Felix Winery
 - iii. <http://www.hdgartshow.org/>
 - iv. Presented a copy of this year's poster. Prepared by local artist, Mary Klunk.
 - 1. Received by Mayor Martin
 - 2. Comments by CP Glenn, CM Gamatoria, CW Worrell
 - 3. Membership information available - 410-939-9342 / 443-243-5035

9. Appointments: None

10. Oath of Office: None

11. Comments from Citizens on Agenda Items:

- a. Pam Spelker (Downtown Alliance) & Jolene Forster (JoRetro)
 - i. Regarding application for Pyrex Fest, requesting support, providing overview of the event, showing history, and noting the popularity and media coverage.
 - 1. CM Robertson - pleased with festival in April. Noted on screenshot that has over 50,000 views showing multiple full sets of Pyrex.

12. Resolutions: None

13. Ordinances: None

14. Old Business: None

15. New Business:

- a. Special Events: (Presented by Mr. Sypolt)
 - i. Oktoberfest 2017; October 14, 2017
 - 1. PD: \$1,300.50
 - 2. DPW: \$3,144.38
 - 3. CM Hitchings: Motion to Approve
 - a. 2nd: CM Robertson
 - b. Question/Discussion
 - i. CP Glenn - Question from DPW for staffing.
 - 1. Reeder - Will follow up with CP Glenn after coordinating with Mr. Whittie.
 - c. Vote: 6-0, Approved
 - ii. Amendment to Farmers Market Application: October 14, 2017; Move to St. Johns Street
 - 1. Note: This shifts the Farmers Market location due to the date of the Oktoberfest. Seeking closure of St. Johns Street from 8a-1p
 - 2. PD: \$0.00
 - 3. DPW: \$537.50
 - 4. CW Worrell: Motion to Approve
 - a. 2nd: CM Martin
 - b. Question/Discussion:
 - i. CW Worrell - normally does not support street closures, but supports this to keep Farmers Market open.
 - ii. CM Gamatoria - please ensure notice is given to the tenants of the Barber Shop and Old Ordinary
 - iii. CM Hitchings - requesting signage for safety.
 - 1. Mayor Martin - supports this and will have implemented.
 - c. Vote: 6-0, Approved
 - iii. Pyrex and Vintage Fest; September 30, 2017
 - 1. PD: \$0.00
 - 2. DPW: \$107.50
 - 3. CW Worrell: Motion to Approve
 - a. 2nd CP Glenn:
 - b. Question/Discussion:

- i. CW Worrell: Enjoys the event and the effort made by the applicants to gain support from impacted residents and businesses.
 - ii. CM Gamatoria - Enjoys the good feedback from previous event and supports the application.
 - c. Vote: 6-0, Approved
- iv. Annual Cruise for a Cause; September 23, 2017
 - 1. PD: \$291.00
 - 2. DPW: \$107.50
 - 3. CM Hitchings: Motion to Approve
 - a. 2nd: CM Robertson
 - b. Question/Discussion:
 - i. Hitchings - shared feedback from applicant with Council via e-mail.
 - c. Vote: 6-0, Approved
- v. A Day at the Dog Park with a Walk-a-Thon; Sept 23, 2017
 - 1. PD: \$0.00
 - 2. DPW: \$53.75
 - 3. CM Martin: Motion to Approve
 - a. 2nd: CM Gamatoria
 - b. Question/Discussion:
 - i. CW Worrell - Any events at the Community Center on the same date?
 - 1. Sybolt - will verify this and get back to Council.
 - c. Vote: 6-0, Approved

16. Directors Report:

- a. Mr. Patrick Sybolt: Director of Administration
 - i. Overview of upcoming events in the City.
 - ii. <http://explorehavredegrace.com/>
- b. Mr. Ben Martorana : Planning
 - i. Working on a Search Tool for the City Ordinances. Help find information quickly and easily. Will be deployed soon.
 - ii. Also working on a Citizen's Guide to Property Maintenance Code. Should help residents understand what the City and Community expect and how the City plans to implement elements of Property Maintenance; from life safety to general appearance and upkeep. Targeting having ready for Administration comments in September and roll out before the end of the year.
 - iii. Working also on, Developer's guide to subdivision plans.
 - iv. Since 01 Aug 2017
 - 1. 5 single family detached permits
 - 2. 6 single family attached permits
 - a. (that's 11 permits in one week)
- c. Mrs. Erika Quesenbery Sturgill: Economic Development
 - i. National Farmers Market Week, 7 Aug 2017
 - ii. Economic Development Office supporting local business that has been in operation for 50 years.
 - iii. Noted Artists Emporium on Juniata Street
 - iv. Noted Mr. Cal Rodgers - first transcontinental pilot in 1912. Havre de Grace native.
- d. Mr. George DeHority: Finance

- i. Audit of Fiscal Year 2017 progressing, with no known issues.
- e. Mr. Tim Whittie: Public Works (Mr. Bill Reeder attending)
 - i. Working with BGE to plan repaving where road impacts have occurred, plan to repave the whole street where possible, instead of just where it was torn up. Should start in late-August / early-September.
 - 1. BGE now working on Phase II of their installation.
 - ii. Preparing RFPs
 - 1. Camilla Street Water Line lining
 - 2. Dredging of Yacht Basin.
- f. Teresa Walter: Chief of Police
 - i. 28 October 2017; 10a-2p - Semi-Annual Prescription Drug Takeback
 - ii. School Resource Officers collecting school supplies for the schools; drop them off at the Havre de Grace Police Department before 01 September 2017.

17. Business from Mayor Martin

- a. Thanks to the Officers involved in the Havre de Grace Safety Camp
- b. Recap of First Fridays, great event.
- c. Great turnout for Farmer's Market
- d. Havre de Grace Cultural Center at the Opera House Grand Opening held on 05 August 2017.
 - i. Thanked everyone for their help, especially Mr. Sypolt.
- e. Reflection on the USLHS Keeper's Grave Dedication Ceremony
- f. Reflection on the passing of Ms. Diane Greybeal

18. Business from Council:

- a. Council Member D. Martin:
 - i. Reflection on the opening of the Havre de Grace Cultural Center at the Opera House
 - ii. Little Free Libraries in Havre de Grace.
 - 1. <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>
 - iii. Thanks to the City volunteers.
- b. Council Member Robertson:
 - i. Reflection on the opening of the Havre de Grace Cultural Center at the Opera House
 - ii. 31 Aug 2017 - Heroes on the Water at the American Legion.
- c. Council Member Worrell:
 - i. National Night Out on 01 August 2017
 - ii. Reflection on the USLHS Keeper's Grave Dedication Ceremony
 - iii. Reflection on the opening of the Havre de Grace Cultural Center at the Opera House
 - iv. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Havre de Grace Green Team - Green Drinks; 8/9 5-7p
 - 2. Labor Day Weekend: First Fridays; Fish, Fowl, & Folk Festival; Blessing of the Boats
- d. Council Member Hitchings:
 - i. Thanks to Council for deference when he missed 17 July 2017 meeting while on a family vacation.
 - ii. Thanks to the Havre de Grace Police Department, volunteers, and supporters for their hard efforts in all three sessions of the Havre de Grace Safety Camp.
 - iii. Great opening of the Havre de Grace Cultural Center at the Opera House.
 - 1. Thanked everyone for their help, especially Mr. Sypolt.

- e. Council Member Gamatoria :
 - i. Thanks to the Administration (and Adam Rybczynski) in the preparation and publication of the weekly updates from the City.
 - ii. Great opening of the Havre de Grace Cultural Center at the Opera House.
 - iii. Reflection on increase in production of water at the Havre de Grace Water Treatment Plant

19. Business from Council President Glenn:

- a. Great opening of the Havre de Grace Cultural Center at the Opera House.
- b. National Night Out on 01 August 2017
- c. Reflection on the passing of Ms. Diane Greybeal
- d. Meeting with Harford County Government and HCPS regarding future disposition of the school, especially the future of the Auditorium and Gymnasium components.
 - i. Mr. Joe Licata coming to 21 August 2017 for a presentation.
- e. Upper Chesapeake Vision 2020 feedback.
 - i. UCMD committed to keeping HMH open until the new facility is open.
- f. Reflection on the nature of the intersections around Ohio and Ontario; Ontario and US40; etc.
 - i. Reaching out to gain support from all elected officials.
 - ii. City of Havre de Grace is bound by the fact that it's not our Road and matters are in the hands of State Highway Administration
- g. CP Glenn: Motion to move into closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss legal matters
 - i. 2nd: CW Worrell
 - ii. Question/Discussion: None
 - iii. Vote: 6-0, Approved

20. Comments from Citizens

- a. J. Fiocchi, Union Ave. & Commerce Ave.
 - i. Regarding code enforcement contact earlier in the year. Vines & weeds that are encroaching onto his fence and yard.
 - ii. Read into the record, an e-mail from the City.
 - iii. Asked City Attorney about a definition of a "weed."
 - 1. Ishak - would appreciate sharing the voice mail with the City Attorney.
 - 2. Individual leaving the voice mail not named.
 - iv. Plans to come to the next meeting to present information regarding the enforcement of the City Code.
 - 1. Ishak - encouraged him to meet with her separately to resolve this issue with the property owner.
 - 2. Fiocchi - seeks to conduct this in the open, concerned with "Selective Enforcement."
 - 3. Martin - Takes objection with the assertion of "Selective Enforcement"
 - 4. Ishak - There is a history involved, and seeks to resolve this amicably. Unless he wishes to meet with her privately, she cannot work to resolve this with him.
 - 5. Fiocchi - Admonishes that he will conduct this all in the open.
- b. J. Ruff, 1501 Bern Drive
 - i. R1 Residential Area
 - ii. Resident since 1959.
 - iii. Concerned with 907 Eugene Drive, boats located in the area. Third time bringing this to the Council.

- iv. Feels issue has degraded over the years, to the condition of a junkyard or a slum. Most recent addition to the case is an old pickup truck.
- v. Issue is not only about boats...concerned with the entire situation as it continues to degrade. (used tires, abandoned boats, abandoned vehicles, other debris)
- vi. Feels that the issue has gone on too long; nearly 20 years.
- vii. Seeking resolution from this Council.
 - 1. Glenn - Feedback provided. Recounted that he will follow up with him and seek resolution of the matter.

21. Adjournment

- a. CW Worrell: Motion to Adjourn
 - i. 2nd: CP Glenn
 - ii. Question/Discussion: None
 - iii. Vote: 8:37P